development of the area infront of the tomb are the important works planned at the monument. There is also a proposal to illuminate the monument during night.

The monument is already open for the tourists. The proposed works are expected to be completed in an year's time.

Restoration of world heritage site status to Hampi

748. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after UNESCO has awarded the 'danger' status to Hampi Heritage site in 1999, several agencies launched restoration schemes but none has managed to pull Hampi out of ruins;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the two bridges across the Tungabhadra river, construction of modern buildings around the monument, large scale encroachments, all within the core heritage area are under scrutiny if Hampi has to regain its WHS (World Heritage Site) status and remain a beneficiary of UNESCO's conservation expertise and the World Bank's funds; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have proposed to take to restore its World Heritage Site status?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) Hampi was inscribed in the list of World Heritage in danger in 1999 due to construction of two bridges across the river Tungabhadra which threatened the integrity of the site. A number of UNESCO missions had visited the site since then and suggested corrective measures which were implemented by the State Government of Karnataka and the Central Government.

(b) and (c) The corrective measures undertaken include dismantling of the pylons of the foot bridge, construction of a bypass road to divert heavy traffic from the heritage area and enforcement of traffic regulations, enactment of a legislation for management of the Hampi Heritage Site, constitution of Hampi Heritage Area Management Authority, removal of encroachments and formulation of a site management plan.

The corrective measures implemented were reported to the World Heritage Committee, and in their 30th Session held at Vilnius, Lithuania

from 8-16th July 2006, Hampi has been removed from the list of World Heritage in danger.

Encroachment of historical monuments in Andhra Pradesh

749. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of various historical monuments under Central protection in various districts of Andhra Pradesh which are under encroachment; and

(b) the details of the measures taken by the Archaeological Survey of India to remove the encroachment in these monuments and the achievements made after such measures, monument-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The details of centrally protected monuments in the State of Andhra Pradesh which are under encroachment and the measures taken to remove the encroachments (monument-wise) are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

Statement

List of Centrally protected monuments in the State of Andhra Pradesh which are under encroachment alongwith measures taken to remove the encroachments and achievements thereto

Sl. No.	Name of Monument, Place and District	Nature of Encroachment	Present position of the case & Action taken for eviction
1	2	3	4
1.	Ramesvara Swami Temple, Tadipatri, Distt. Ananthapur	Archakas are residing in front of the entrance of the temple within the protected limits.	The matter has been referred to the Endowment Department of Government of Andhra Pradesh for removal/eviction of dwellers from the temple premises.
2.	Old Siva (Mallikharajuna) temple at Kambaduru, Distt. Ananthapur	The landowner has filed Original Suit stating that the ASI has encroached his land. (O.S. No. 140/99)	The case is pending in the judicature of Jr. Civil Judge, Kalyanadurg. Court order is awaited.